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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USINFO, INFO SECSTATE, KARACHI, LAHORE
NEW DELHI, KABUL AND DACCA DATED FEB 06, 1975.

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BHUTTO VISIT

PRESS: ALL NEWS PAPERS LED WITH WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT PRESIDENT
FORD HAS REAFFIRMED CONTINUING AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE INTEGRITY
AND INDEPENDENCE OF PAKISTAN, AND TOLD PM BHUTTO QUESTION OF
REMOVING EMBARGO WOULD RECEIVE ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

IDENTICAL REPORTS CREDITED TO ASSOCIATED PRESS OF PAKISTAN (APP)
COVERED ALL FEATURES OF STATEMENT READ BY NESSEN AS WELL HIS
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS. PAPERS MOSTLY LISTED THREE POINTS--ARMS
RACE, STRATEGIC BALANCE AND CONCILIATION - NESSEN SAID WOULD BE
KEPT IN MIND WHILE MAKING DECISION ON EMBARGO. REPORTING
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THROUGHOUT STRAIGHT. FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF HEADLINES:

NPT PAKISTAN TIMES: "ARMS SALE RESUMPTION WILL RECEIVE ACTIVE CONSIDERATION - FORD REAFFIRMS FULL SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN'S INTEGRITY."

INDEPENDENT DAWN: "FORD REAFFIRMS U.S. PLEDGE - 'PRIORITY ATTENTION' TO ECONOMIC NEEDS - ARMS ISSUE 'UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION'

INDEPENDENT NAWA-I-WAQT: "RESUMPTION OF ARMS TO PAKISTAN WILL RECEIVE ACTIVE CONSIDERATION, PRESIDENT FORD - CONTINUED US SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF PAKISTAN - INCREASE IN FOOD AID EXPECTED"

INDEPENDENT JANG: "AMERICAN REAFFIRMS CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN'S INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE - REMOVAL OF EMBARGO ON ARMS SALE TO PAKISTAN ACTIVELY CONSIDERED"

NPT MORNING NEWS: "US SUPPORT FOR PAK INTEGRITY REAFFIRMED - 70-MINUTE FORD-BHUTTO MEETING - ARMS SALE RESUMPTION TO GET ACTIVE CONSIDERATION - MORE FOOD AID ASSURED"

MOST HEADLINES WERE THREE TO FOUR DECK, SEVERAL HAD BANNERED THE STORY.

SIDE BARS INCLUDED APP REPORT ON "WARM WELCOME," STAR-NEWS EDIT SUPPORTING RESUMPTION OF ARMS, AND WARINGTON POST MURREY MARDER REPORT US LEANING TOWARDS LIFTING OF EMBARGO. REPRINT OF MARDER REPORT (CREDITED TO APP) ALSO MENTIONED FEARS OF INDIAN REACTION AND AS A RESULT LIKELY POSTPONEMENT OF DECISION UNTIL BHUTTO'S DEPARTURE.

PRESS ALSO GAVE FRONTPAGE TREATMENT TO BHUTTO MEETING WITH MCNAMARA AND LATTER'S ASSURANCE OF AID FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

ANOTHER FRONTPAGE REPORT CARRIED PAK FOREIGN OFFICE CRITICISM OF IN
IAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIFTING EMBARGO. FOREIGN OFFICE
WAS REACTING TO STATEMENTS OF INDIAN DEFENSE MINISTER AND
INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO US.
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TV: PAK TV SHOWED SATELLITE FILMS ON ARRIVAL AND EMBASSY RECEPTION AND NARRATED COMMENTS OF AMERICAN PRESS ON BHUTTO VISIT.

RADIO: BHUTTO VISIT REMAINS LEAD STORY ON RADIO. IN ITS THURSDAY MORNING NEWSCAST RADIO PAKISTAN DEVOTED MOST OF ITS BULLETIN TO WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: NOTHING SIGNIFICANT. UNQUOTE.

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